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Whereas, The right to vote freely for the candidate of one's choice is the essence of a democratic society;

Whereas, An estimated 3.9 million Americans, including 1.4 million black men, cannot vote because of felony convictions;

Whereas, The dramatically increased use and expansion of the criminal justice system have allowed disenfranchisement laws to affect the political voice of many American communities in the last 30 years;

Whereas, There are alternatives to disenfranchisement laws that could be considered in the study of these laws, including whether disenfranchisement should include only currently incarcerated felons or ex-felons on parole; and

Whereas, It is in the state's best interest to further study the question of felon disenfranchisement: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly
of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

1 SECTION 1. That the legislative council is urged to establish a

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1 committee to study felon disenfranchisement.

2 SECTION 2. That the committee, if established, shall operate under
3 the direction of the legislative council and that the committee shall issue
4 a final report when directed to do so by the council.

